



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis is a genetic disorder that causes tumors to form on nerve tissue including the brain, spinal cord, and nerves; and
- WHEREAS: More than 125,000 Americans have been diagnosed with neurofibromatosis, and the disorder is present in approximately one of every 3,000 births; and
- WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis is characterized by a range of symptoms and can lead to learning disabilities, hearing impairments, loss of vision, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, severe pain, and cancer; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations across the state and nation are actively striving to increase public awareness and advance research of neurofibromatosis. The Children's Tumor Foundation works to develop collaborative partnerships with non-profits, patient registries, universities, labs, and hospitals to enhance research efforts regarding the development of drug and medical treatments; and
- WHEREAS: Continued advocacy and public awareness of neurofibromatosis will help to promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, prevention of complications, and support for future research; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris M. Riley*

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